

**MEETING OF THE
LAFAYETTE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
4:00pm
March 15, 2010**

The Lafayette City Park and Recreation Board met in regular meeting, March 15, 2010 at 4:00 pm at the Rush Pavilion in Columbian Park.

The meeting was called to order by President Patterson. The Board members present were Mr. Klinker, Mr. Denney and Mrs. Patterson. Also in attendance were Secretary/Attorney Joseph T. Bumbleburg and Parks Superintendent Ted Bumbleburg. Also in attendance were Park Staff members Clay Finney, Jason Biddinger, Lindsey Huffman, John Miner, Tom Rankin, Claudine Laufman, and Robyn Oldfather attended for Friends of Columbian Park Zoo. City Controller Mike Jones was also present. Nate Barrett representing the Lafayette Colt Tournaments was present.

Upon motion properly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the February 8, 2010 meeting were approved.

Upon motion properly made, seconded and unanimously carried, claims in the amount of \$48,638.90 were approved.

The Superintendent reported that over 300 job applications had been received and with the exception of some maintenance positions, all positions in the rides, concessions and pools are full. He indicated that the golf pro would report later in the meeting but that the river had crested and that the pump was on. He also indicated that we now have three (3) additional playground safety inspectors for playgrounds that are certified pursuant to testing.

Jason Biddinger reported that the golf course indeed is under water. That the range had been opened and before the floods came up for the year, approximately 250 rounds had already been played and some passes had been sold. He also advised that the pump was on.

The Community Family Resource Center request for some assistance and rehabilitation items for the Park next to their facility was submitted to the Board and discussed. CFRC is receiving a grant that will require some minor updates to the South Tipp Park. The Superintendent advised that the South Tipp Park is already on the list for some restoration and renovation. He recommended approval of the request from CFRC and upon motion properly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the CFRC request was approved.

The Superintendent then presented to the Board the Annual Report and the same was approved by the Board and distribution was ordered.

Mr. Nate Barrett reported for the Colt World Series. He indicated that Pony Baseball has mandated some changes for them. These changes are not sitting well with the local Colt World Series program, but they have no choice. The tournament will move from a 10 team tournament to an 8 team tournament and there will be no Hoosier North team and no Asia Pacific Zone team this year. This may have an attendance loss of fans and it will cause a scheduling change which will reflect itself in the following dates. The tournament will commence on Saturday, August 7, 2010 and finish on Thursday, August 12, 2010. The tournament, according the Mr. Barrett, costs approximately \$75,000.00 to operate.

Zoo Director Laufman and Robyn Oldfather presented to the Park the fact that the Friends of Columbian Park Zoo had purchased a 2009 Chrysler Minivan for the education processes of the Zoo. A graphic wrap will be necessary for the van. Upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Park Department accepted the gift of the van.

City Controller Mike Jones reported that revenue and expenses tend to be typical for this time of the year. He also indicated that he is studying the possible refinancing of the bonds.

There were no communication and no guests at the meeting and accordingly the same was adjourned.

Joseph T. Bumbleburg, Secretary